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1. ALTHOUGH TREASURY REMAINS IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH ARGENTINE EMBASSY HERE WE ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY SIGNIFICANT MOVES BY GOA TO UNDERTAKE CONSULTATIONS WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE COUNTERVAILING DUTY PROCEEDINGS. WE ASSUME GOA IS AS ANXIOUS AS WE ARE TO ENSURE THAT ANALYSIS OF ARGENTINE EXPORT PROMOTION PROGRAM INCLUDES ANY INTERPRETATION GOA MAY WISH TO PUT ON FACTS. TO THIS END TREASURY STANDS READY TO ENTER INTO DISCUSSIONS AT A TECHNICAL LEVEL EITHER IN WASHINGTON OR BA PURPOSE OF WHICH IS TO REVIEW ARGENTINE SYSTEM FOR THE PROMOTION OF FOOTWEAR EXPORTS AND THEIR RELEVANCE TO PROCEEDINGS. TREASURY STRESSES THAT THESE DISCUSSIONS WOULD BE ON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TECHNICAL LEVEL ONLY. A DEBATE ON POLICY IS NEITHER

DESIRABLE NOR FEASIBLE. IF IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TREASURY IS PREPARED TO FURNISH A LIST OF TECHNICAL QUESTIONS CONCERNING ARGENTINE PRACTICES AS GUIDELINE FOR DISCUSSIONS.

2. FYI ONLY: ON BASIS OF PRELIMINARY INFORMATION IT WOULD APPEAR THAT ARGENTINE CASE NOTEWORTHY IN THAT GOA

APPARENTLY MAKES AN OUTRIGHT EXPORT PAYMENT TO MANUFACTURERS AND MAY ALSO PROVIDE INCOME TAX AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE CONCESSIONS. SUCH BOUNTIES OR GRANTS IF CONFIRMED MAY REQUIRE A COUNTERVAILING DUTY OF 30 PERCENT OR MORE ON ARGENTINE SHOE IMPORTS. (THIS FIGURE NOT TO BE DISCUSSED WITH GOA.) END FYI ONLY.

3. IN LIGHT OF ABOVE WE CONSIDER IT IMPORTANT AND URGENT THAT DISCUSSIONS WITH ARGENTINES BE INITIATED PROMPTLY. OWING TO TIME FACTOR INVOLVED APPROPRIATE GOA OFFICIALS SHOULD BE MADE AWARE OF OUR CONCERN THAT FRUITFUL CONSULTATIONS BEGIN PROMPTLY AND OF OUR READINESS TO COMMENCE THEM. KISSINGER

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